Sl. No.	Scheme	Total budget estimate for financial year 2003-04 (Rs. in crore)
4.	Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways	689.50
5.	Economic Importance and Inter-State Roads	100.00
6.	Strategic Road	17.50
7.	Central Road Fund for States/UTs.	910.76

Golden Quadrilateral Project

2685. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anticipated targets are not being achieved in the Golden Quadrilateral National Highway Development Project launched by Prime Minister in 1999, involving an estimated cost of Rs. 58,000 crores over ten years;

(b) if so, what are the annual targets, whether these were achieved during the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any effective monitoring mechanism exists for it; and

(e) if so, the periodicity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. Golden Quadrilateral component of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is generally progressing as per schedule and targeted to be completed by December, 2004.

(b) The annual target and achievements in terms of completion of number of contracts implemented by NHAI during the financial years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:

Year	Target	Achievement
2000-01	2	2
2001-02	8	4
2002-03	5	4

(c) Time overrun for some projects on GQ is mainly on account of

(i) Delay in land acquisition
(ii) Delay in shifting of utilities
(iii) Law and Order situation
(iv) Litigation
(v) Lengthening procurement procedure for externally aided projects.

(d) and (e) The projects are monitored as indicated below :

(i) The Supervision Consultant have been engaged for day to day monitoring of expenditure, progress and quality of works.
(ii) The Project Director of NHAI at Project Implementation Unit monitors project on daily basis.
(iii) NHAI headquarters monitors the projects through daily/weekly/ monthly reports and inspections.
(iv) The projects are also monitored by Hon'ble Minister of RT&H on a regular basis.

Accidents on National Highways

2686. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total length of highways in the country, during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the number of road accidents on the highways, during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the number of lives lost each year during the last five years; and

(d) the medical facilities available on the highways for people injured in accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The total length of National Highways in the Country during the last five years is given below:—

Year	Length of National Highways (Kms.)
1998-1999	49585
1999-2000	52010
2000-2001	57737
2001-2002	58112
2002-2003	58112